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Mysterious Case of Missing Research Doctor

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WASHINGTON — Three Dutchmen who, police in Amsterdam thought, held the key to the nine-day disappearance of a Washington research doctor were found yesterday.

But all of them, according to Chief Inspector Piet Landman of the Amsterdam police, accounted for their whereabouts on the early morning of Sunday, Dec. 5—the day Dr. Richard H. Follis, 46, one of the world's top nuclear physicists, dropped out of sight.

One of the men, Landman

said, proved he was in Germany at the time he and the two others were reported to have left an Amsterdam nightclub at the same time as, but not necessarily with, the missing doctor.

THE OTHER two proved they were nowhere near the nightclub that morning.

The apparent misinformation about the three men came from the doorman of the Moulin Rouge club who, Landman said, "mixed up a Wednesday night with a Sunday morning. I don't know why."

Questioning of the three has further confused an already baffling case.

Landman repeated Dr. Follis merely fell into one of Amsterdam's many shallow canals after what several witnesses called "an evening of very heavy drinking."

The European press, however, continues to speculate Follis was engaged in some kind of intelligence work, probably for the Central Intelligence Agency.

RELIABLE Intelligence sources in London still say Follis almost certainly was murdered. But there is no explanation as to why or how he arrived at that conclusion.